



2026 NATIONS CUP

International Heritage Ball Hockey Championship

Team Staff Expression of Interest

Event Overview

The Nations Cup brings together players and team staff connected to participating countries and regions through family heritage. The event is designed to deliver serious competition, credible team leadership and a professionally managed championship environment.

The participating teams are heritage representative teams and are not presented as officially sanctioned national teams.

Participating Teams

Canada, India, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Italy, Europe, Asia and North America.

Competition Format

Eight teams will compete in two pools of four, with three round-robin games per team. The playoff stage includes semifinals, a bronze-medal game and the Nations Cup championship final. Each roster will include 18 skaters and 2 goaltenders.

Team Staff Opportunities

Applications are open for the positions below. Applicants may apply for one team only. Appointment is not guaranteed, and all appointments remain subject to Nations Cup approval. The event is seeking disciplined, prepared and accountable team leadership.

General Manager: Build the 20-player roster, select team staff, coordinate eligibility submissions and manage team communication.

Head Coach: Set the competitive standard, establish systems, manage games and work with the General Manager on roster decisions.

Trainer / Medical: Provide qualified athlete care and tournament medical support within the scope of a recognized credential.

Equipment / Logistics: Support team equipment, bench readiness and team-level logistics throughout the event.

Appointment Structure

- The Organizing Committee will select each team's General Manager first.
- Each General Manager will build the coaching and support staff, subject to committee approval.
- Other applications will form a general candidate pool. General Managers may also identify qualified candidates outside that pool.

Required Qualifications

- General Managers and Head Coaches must have prior national level ball hockey experience.
- Trainer or medical applicants must hold a recognized athletic therapy or healthcare credential.

- All applicants must demonstrate professional conduct, communication and the ability to operate in a competitive tournament environment.
- Team personnel are expected to satisfy heritage requirements. Limited exceptions may be approved by the Organizing Committee.

Eligibility and Selection

Heritage Eligibility

The standard route is a parent or grandparent born in the country or region the applicant seeks to represent. Broader documented ancestry may be accepted with Organizing Committee approval. Citizenship and current residence do not determine eligibility on their own.

An applicant who qualifies for both a country and regional team may choose either, but may identify only one team on the application.

Supporting Documentation

Applicants must upload supporting heritage documentation. Accepted records may include birth certificates, government records, immigration or naturalization documents, official family records, or other evidence accepted by the Organizing Committee.

British Columbia Connection

A meaningful connection to British Columbia is a selection preference, not an eligibility requirement.

Applicants outside the province may be selected based on experience, heritage, team needs and overall contribution.

Selection Considerations

- Required experience or professional credentials
- Leadership, organization and communication
- Heritage eligibility and supporting documentation
- Team needs and competitive fit
- Connection to British Columbia
- Conduct and ability to uphold Nations Cup standards

Key Dates

September 4, 2026: Applications close

September 11, 2026: General Managers selected and notified

September 25, 2026: Final 18-skater, 2-goaltender rosters due

October 9-11, 2026: Nations Cup at Langley Events Centre

How to Apply

Submit one application through the official Nations Cup online application form no later than September 4, 2026. Applicants will select one position and one eligible team and must include all requested experience, credential and heritage information.